

**Amendments to Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of message delivery comprising:  
registering a plurality of reception states established by a receiving party, wherein each of said reception states specifies reception state data, said reception state data—one or more comprising a plurality of rules conditions for establishing a communications link with [[a]] one or more receiving party addresses, ~~wherein at least one of said reception states uses a communication channel different from a communication channel associated with a first initiated communications link between a sending party and the receiving party,~~ wherein each said rules define specified condition comprises one or more categories of messages, a time at which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of [[a]] said messages in each of said categories, ~~associated with a communication channel through which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of [[a]] said messages in each of said categories,~~ and a receiving party address associated with said communication channel at which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of said messages in each of said categories, [[and]] wherein for at least one of said reception states said defined communication channel is different from a communication channel associated with a first communications link initiated by a sending party, and wherein each of said categories specified condition is associated with at least one of [[the]] a purpose nature of the message and an [[the]] identity of the sending party;  
identifying a receiving party address from [[the]] a first initiated communications link;

determining retrieving reception state data specified by said plurality of reception states according to said receiving party address;

classifying said first initiated communications link into one of said categories; and  
presenting said portion of said reception state data associated with said one of said categories to the sending party via the communication channel associated with the first initiated communications link, wherein said reception state data is presented in a form compatible with a device of the sending party making the first initiated communications link.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a response from the sending party specifying further instructions for processing said first initiated communications link.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
identifying a sending party address and determining contextually relevant reception state data according to said identified sending party address and said receiving party address.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said determining step further comprises:  
determining contextually relevant reception state data according to the time of said first initiated communications link and the communications channel over which said first initiated communications link is to be established.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
completing said first communications link.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

terminating said first initiated communications link.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

according to said response, initiating a second communications link to a different receiving party address using the same communications channel as said first initiated communication link.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

according to said response, initiating a second communications link using a communications channel different from the communications channel of said first initiated communications link.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

detecting at least one additional initiated communications link from subsequent sending parties; and

presenting said reception state data to selected ones of said subsequent sending parties.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

initiating at least one additional communications link from said receiving party or said sending party to a third party; and

presenting reception state data associated with said third party to at least one of said sending party or said receiving party.

11. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

registering a plurality of reception states established by a receiving party, wherein each of said reception states specifies reception state data, ~~said reception state data~~—one or more comprising a plurality of rules ~~conditions~~ for establishing a communications link with [[a]] one or more receiving party addresses, ~~wherein at least one of said reception states uses a communication channel different from a communication channel associated with a first initiated communications link between a sending party and the receiving party~~, wherein each said rules define specified condition ~~comprises one or more categories of messages~~, a time at which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of [[a]] said messages in each of said categories, ~~associated with a communication channel through which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of [[a]] said messages in each of said categories~~, and a receiving party address associated with said communication channel at which the receiving party prefers to receive delivery of said messages in each of said categories, [[and]] wherein for at least one of said reception states said defined communication channel is different from a communication channel associated with a first communications link initiated by a sending party, and wherein each of said categories ~~specified condition~~ is associated with at least one of [[the]] a purpose nature of the message and an ~~[[the]]~~ identity of the sending party;

identifying a receiving party address from [[the]] a first initiated communications link;

determining retrieving reception state data specified by said plurality of reception states according to said receiving party address;

classifying said first initiated communications link into one of said categories; and

presenting said portion of said reception state data associated with said one of said categories to the sending party via the communication channel associated with the first initiated communications link, wherein said reception state data is presented in a form compatible with a device of the sending party making the first initiated communications link.

12. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
receiving a response from the sending party specifying further instructions for processing said first initiated communications link.
13. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
identifying a sending party address and determining contextually relevant reception state data according to said identified sending party address and said receiving party address.
14. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 13, wherein said determining step further comprises:  
determining contextually relevant reception state data according to the time of said first initiated communications link and the communications channel over which said first initiated communications link is to be established.
15. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
completing said first communications link.
16. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
terminating said first initiated communications link.
17. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 16, further comprising:  
according to said response, initiating a second communications link to a different receiving party address using the same communications channel as said first initiated communication link.

18. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 16, further comprising:  
according to said response, initiating a second communications link using a communications channel different from the communications channel of said first initiated communications link.
19. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
detecting at least one additional initiated communications link from subsequent sending parties; and  
presenting said reception state data to selected ones of said subsequent sending parties.
20. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:  
initiating at least one additional communications link from said receiving party or said sending party to a third party; and  
presenting reception state data associated with said third party to at least one of said sending party or said receiving party.